



MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

27 November 2018

Paul Mann
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT
BURREN JUNCTION CWA ROOM ON TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 10:45AM**

PRESENT

Clr Manuel Martinez (Mayor)
 Clr Ian Woodcock (Deputy Mayor)
 Clr Jane Keir
 Clr Bill Murray
 Clr Michael Taylor
 Clr Tanya Cameron
 Clr Lawrence Walford
 Clr Kelly Smith
 Clr Robert Turnbull
 Paul Mann (Acting General Manager)
 Jessica McDonald (Director Environmental Services)
 Raymond Graham (Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services)
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

Leave of Absence – Nil**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests – Nil****Public Presentations:**

- *Greg Rummery, Paul Duncan and Cameron Rowntree voiced concerns in relation to the proposed weir project in particular the height limitations and the fishway design. Suggestions were made to consider re-evaluating the plans and take into account the following; climate change, drought, unknown future and increased water security.*
- *Lucinda Stump raised concerns regarding the lack of communication between Council staff and the Burren Junction Hall 355 committee surrounding the Burren Junction Hall renovation project.*

18/2018/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 30 October 2018

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 30 October 2018, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Noting that, in reference to item 10.1.1, Senior Staff Contract of the closed meeting Council acknowledge the extent of discussions on the term of the proposed extension/renewal of the contract including options and that the Acting General Manager provided an assurance that the matter would be discussed with the incoming General Manager and options explored.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

18/2018/2 Mayoral Report

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

18/2018/3 Move into Closed Session at 10.20am**Resolved:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2) (c) & (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

- (c) That information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business (or proposed to conduct business)
- (d) That the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

18/2018/4 Walgett Levee – Update**Resolved:**

1. That Council advise Public Works Advisory that it accepts the recommended option 2: accepting the cost relating to a new tender process, project management and the cost to undertake the work.

2. Council engage a new contractor following completion of the tender process to undertake the Walgett levee stage 4 rectification works with funds to be drawn from the unexpended grant.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

18/2018/5 Return to Open Session at 11:46am**Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

Moved: Clr Cameron

Seconded: Clr Taylor

CARRIED

18/2018/6 Adoption of Closed Session Reports**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendation of the Closed Committee Reports.

Moved: Clr Walford

Seconded: Clr Cameron

CARRIED

18/2018/7 Walgett Weir**Resolved:**

That Council arrange a delegation including concerned Walgett residents to meet with Niall Blair (Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry) and Deputy Premier John Barilaro (Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business) to seek their consideration of a variation to the Walgett Weir Project to increase the proposed height by a further 2 metres and if after the delegation, there is no indication of success Council proceed with the current proposal.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

18/2018/8 Council's Decision Action Report**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at November 2018 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

18/2018/9 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars published 16/11/18, 24/10/18 & 22/10/18 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

18/2018/10 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings and Events**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Woodcock
CARRIED

18/2018/11 Seating in Collarenebri Main Street**Resolved:**

That Council re-visit the matter of developing a Council wide policy in relation to provision of seating in CBD of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri and a further report be submitted to the February 2019 Council meeting.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

18/2018/12 Macquarie Homestay – Possible Sponsorship**Resolved:**

That Council financially support Macquarie Homestay through sponsorship to the sum of \$33,000 and that such funding be sourced from the distribution of funds to be returned from OROC.

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

18/2018/13 Public Library Funding**Resolved:**

1. That Council endorse the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative, Renew Our Libraries.
2. That Council note the announcement by the NSW Government on 24 August 2018 of its intention to provide a \$60m funding package for NSW public libraries for the quadrennial period 2019-20 to 2022-23.
3. That Council support the ongoing Renew Our Libraries initiative to secure the pledged funding, clarify the funding components and liaise with the government regarding the funding model.
4. That Council support Renew Our Libraries to work with the Government to develop a sustainable future funding model with a view guaranteeing an appropriate level of ongoing and indexed state funding.
5. That Council make representation to the local State Member(s), Kevin Humphries, in relation to the need for ongoing additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services.
6. That Council write to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for the provision of ongoing and indexed increases in state funding for NSW public libraries, supported by a sustainable future funding model.
7. That Council take a leading role in activating the campaign locally.
8. That Council endorse the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions arising from the initiative.
9. That Council formally advise the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW that Council has endorsed the library funding advocacy initiative.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

18/2018/14 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From General Manager

Resolved:

1. That the Matters Generally for Brief mention or Information Only from the General Manager be received and noted.
2. That the Western Division Conference be requested to support a motion along the following line; That, in light of the difficulty experienced by member Councils in attracting and retaining professional staff the State Government, through OLG, consider assisting with relevant incentives such as scholarships for continuing education, assistance with rental and relocation expenses and additional assistance for staff with young families.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

18/2018/15 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 October 2018

Resolved:

That the Investment report as at 31 October 2018 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Cameron
Seconded: Clr Taylor
CARRIED

18/2018/16 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report

Resolved:

The October 2018 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Murray
Seconded: Clr Keir
CARRIED

18/2018/17 Government Information Public Access Act (GIPA) – Annual Report 17/18

Resolved:

1. That the Chief Financial Officers report be received
2. Council adopt the attached GIPA Annual Report for 2017/2018.
3. The Information Commissioner be sent a link to Council's 2017/2018 Annual Report.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Cameron
CARRIED

18/2018/18 PID Annual Report**Resolved:**

That the Chief financial Officers report be received and Council adopt the 2017/18 Public Interest Disclosures Annual Report.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

18/2018/19 First Quarter Operational Plan**Resolved:**

That the Chief Financial Officers report be received and Council accept the progress made on the 2017/2018 Operational Plan as at 30th September 2018.

Moved: Clr Smith

Seconded: Clr Turnbull

CARRIED

18/2018/20 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From CFO**Resolved:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Chief Financial Officer be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Taylor

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

18/2018/21 Resolution of Development Application 2018/019**Resolved:**

That Council resolves to approve Development Application 2018/02 for a residential dual occupancy at Lot 1 DP 513882 in Walgett.

Moved: Clr Turnbull

Seconded: Clr Smith

CARRIED

For

Clr Manuel Martinez

Clr Ian Woodcock

Clr Jane Keir

Clr Bill Murray

Clr Michael Taylor

Clr Tanya Cameron

Clr Kelly Smith

Clr Robert Turnbull

Clr Lawrence Walford

Against

Nil

Absent

Nil

18/2018/22 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Environmental Services

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

Moved: Clr Taylor
Seconded: Clr Turnbull
CARRIED

18/2018/23 Council Storage Site – clean up Notice

Resolved:

That Council Storage Site – Clean up Notice report be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Smith
CARRIED

18/2018/24 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only – Engineering/ Technical Services

Resolved:

That Council receives and note the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only presented by the Acting Director Engineering/ Technical Services.

Moved: Clr Turnbull
Seconded: Clr Walford
CARRIED

Questions for Next Meeting

Clr Taylor

Q1: Can Council investigate the drainage issues at the Police Station in Lightning Ridge

Q2: Can Council arrange for monthly checks on the street banners in Lightning Ridge

Clr Keir

Q1: Can Council investigate installing a no through road sign on Warrena Street/ Pitt Street

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 1:12pm.

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

 Mayor

 General Manager